During the period from January-October 1987 the following quantities of cement were imported through State Trading Corporation of India Ltd., as per the particulars given below :—

1. Ordinary Grey Portland Cement	10,500 MTS (This was the balance out of a total import of 5·00 lakh tonnes authorised by the Govt. during 1985-86).
2. Rapid Hardening Portland Cement	270 MTs
3. Cement Fondu	35 MTs

(b) and (c) No decision has been taken to export cement on a regular basis. However, some cement companies are exploring the possibilities of exporting cement to neighbouring countries. Proposals for export of 2 85 lakh MTs. of cement to Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Nepal have been cleared However, exports have not materialised because of wide gap between international and domestic prices.

Drug production from different stages

845 SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of those drugs which are being produced in the country from different stages;

(b) whether it is a fact that the cost of production of the same drug will be different if produced from different stages; and

(c) if so, on what basis the average selling price will be fixed as provided in the price control order ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH : (a) About 225 bulk drugs are being produced by about 250 units in the Organised Sector and over 200 units in the Small Scale Sector Several of these drugs such and its salts, Chloramphenicol. Frusemide, Prednisolone, Vitamin A, Diazepam, Doxycycline etc. are being produced from basic stage. Several drugs such as Analgin, Dexamethasone, Pyrazinamide, Ethambutol, Chloroquin, Amodiaquine etc are produced from intermediate/penultimate stage.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The weighted average price in respect of any bulk drug will be fixed taking into account the price fixed for different manufacturers in respect of that bulk drug irrespective of the stage.

Decontrol of Prices of Saridon, etc.

846 SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Saridon, Equagesic Tablets, Betadine, Burnol, Nebasulf, Agarol and Iodex have been price decontrolled;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these medicines are being used by the common people; and

(c) what are the names of the major ingredients in each medicine ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) to (c) To the extent information is available, the composition of the products referred to in the question is given in the enclosed Statement (*see* below). Betadine, Burnol, Agarol and Iodex are price decontrolled and Saridon Equagesic and Nebasulf are price controlled as per provisions of DPCO,